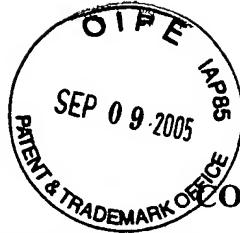


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 10-12, 14-20 and 23-25 are currently pending. In the present amendment claims 10 and 12 have been amended and claims 3, 11, 14 and 24 are canceled. Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 2, 6-8, 15-20, 23 and 25 are allowed and claims 11 and 14 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 10 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 11. Accordingly, claim 10 is allowable.

Claim 12 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 14. Accordingly, claim 12 is allowable.



CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 2, 6-8, 10, 12, 15-20, 23, 25 are allowable.

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